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METRO FARES INVESTIGATION 2003

The Tasmanian Council of State School Parents and Friends Associations Inc requests a review of *Student Concession Fares* for students travelling on all Metro services, including Hobart Coaches.

The Council's policy on student transport is as follows:

The Council believes the Government should provide free transport to all students attending the nearest or designated Government school of appropriate level and that the safety of students in transit is of the utmost importance.

A large proportion of students travelling on Metro Buses have to travel considerable distances, sometimes with the need to travel on two or more buses. This results in considerable expense being incurred by families for whom concessions are not available.

Country students however, are able to travel free of charge. This raises an equity issue with the current policy possibly being discriminatory based on socio-economic status and the availability of services.

The Council requests that this review calls on the government to provide free transport to all students attending their nearest or designated government school.

Yours sincerely

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